

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1543–S1591

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 388–391. **Page S1586**

Washington's Farewell Address: Senator Allen read Washington's Farewell Address: **Pages S1543–48**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appointed Senator Allard, from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. **Page S1590**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Santorum, from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy. **Page S1590**

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appointed Senator McCain, from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy. **Page S1590**

Women's Progress Commemoration Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–341, announced the appointment of Becky Norton Dunlop, of Virginia, to the Women's Progress Commemoration Commission. **Page S1590**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Mark A. Weinberger, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S1591**

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Adjournment: Senate met at 12 noon, and adjourned at 4:05 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 27, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1590–91.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to proposed regulations of the Farm Credit Administration on national charters, which would remove the Farm Credit System's limitation of lending activity to certain geographical regions, and allow individual farm credit lending institutions to lend to farmers and other agribusinesses nationally, after receiving testimony from Representative Leach; Michael M. Reyna, Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration; Bobby D. Williams, Heritage Land Bank, Tyler, Texas, and Jack Webster, Farm Credit Services of America, Omaha, Nebraska, both on behalf of the Farm Credit Council; Philip Burns, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, West Point, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Dale Leighty, First National Bank of Las Animas, Las Animas, Colorado, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; and Peter J. Barry, University of Illinois Center for Farm and Rural Business Finance, Urbana.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 723–726; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 54–56, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 256, to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted (H. Rept. 107–2); and

H.R. 333, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001 (H. Rept. 107–3, Part 1)

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair announced that on February 15, 2001, the Speaker appointed the following Members of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Co-chairman, Mr. Wolf of Virginia; Mr. Pitts of Pennsylvania; Mr. Wamp of Tennessee; and Mr. Aderholt of Alabama.

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Consideration of Suspensions: Agreed that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, February 28, 2001, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to the following measures: H.R. 256, H.R. 558, H.R. 621, and H. Con. Res. 27.

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Senate Messages: Messages received by the Senate appear on page H401.

Referrals: S. 320 was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, S. 360 was referred to the Committees on International Relations and Education and the Workforce, S. Con. Res. 12 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and S. Con. Res. 13 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

H.J. Res. 7, recognizing the 90th birthday of Ronald Reagan. Signed February 15, 2001. (Public Law 107–1)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 27 through March 3, 2001

Senate Chamber

During the remainder of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: February 27, organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 4 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 28, organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, rules of procedure for the 107th Congress; to be followed by hearings to examine statutes of conservation programs in the current farm bill, 9 a.m., SR–328A.

March 1, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the statutes of conservation programs in the current farm bill, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Appropriations: February 27, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine muscular dystrophy research funding levels, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

February 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on activities of the Army Corps of Engineers Inspector General's Office, 11 a.m., SD–138.

February 28, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for defense health programs, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: February 27, to hold hearings on the nomination of Paul D. Wolfowitz, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SH–219), 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 1, business meeting to consider S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions

for employees of the Commission; proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, 11 a.m., SD-608.

March 2, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the progress of the transition from analog to digital TV, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 1, to hold hearings on S. 26, to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market; S. 80, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order refunds of unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential rates or charges for electricity, to establish cost-based rates for electricity sold at wholesale in the Western Systems Coordinating Council; and S. 287, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market, and committee amendment No. 12 to S. 287 listed above, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 27, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings on S. 350, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

February 28, Full Committee, organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 27, to hold hearings to examine United States trade policy, focusing on principal trade policy challenges and opportunities, and the importance of maintaining America's leadership role in building and sustaining the international trading system, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 28, Full Committee, organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 2 p.m., SD-215.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain revenue proposals within the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 27, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Alliance, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 28, Full Committee, organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Task Force cosponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations and the Center for Strategic and International Studies on State Department Reform, 11 a.m., SD-419.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the anti-drug certification process, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 1, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 27, to hold hearings on the nomination of Sean O'Keefe, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 1, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 2, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 28, organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 28, organizational business meeting to consider pending committee business; to be followed by hearings to receive the views of the Department of the Interior on matters of Indian Affairs, 9 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 28, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 27, business meeting to resume markup of an original bill to amend title 11, United States Code, relating to bankruptcy reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: February 28, organizational business meeting to consider pending committee business, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: February 28, to hold hearings to examine Plan Colombia and to make an initial assessment of the current drug situation, including human rights issues, future budget needs, Embassy staffing issues, potential for regional spillover, and any associated time lines and goals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Small Business: February 28, organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses and

rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 9 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 28, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association, and the Air Force Sergeants Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House Chamber

Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business:

(1) H. Res. 54, commending African American Pioneers in Colorado (suspension);

(2) H. Res. , honoring Dale Earnhardt and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death (suspension);

(3) H. Res. 55, recognizing Dr. Dorothy Irene Height as an advocate and crusader for human rights (suspension);

(4) H. Con. Res. , honoring sacrifices made by 28 U.S. soldiers killed by an Iraqi missile attack during Operation Desert Storm, and resolving to support effective missile defense programs (suspension);

(5) H. Con. Res. 14, use of the Capitol rotunda for commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust (unanimous consent); and

(6) H. J. Res. 19, appointment of Walter E. Massey to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (unanimous consent).

Any recorded votes will be postponed until 5:00 p.m.

The House will then convene at 9:00 p.m. in Joint Session with the Senate for the purpose of receiving an address by the President of the United States.

Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for consideration of suspensions:

(1) H.R. 256, Family Farmer Bankruptcy Relief Extension;

(2) H.R. 558, Designation of the 'Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Court-house' in Allentown, Pennsylvania;

(3) H.R. 621, Designation of the 'James C. Corman Federal Building' in Van Nuys, California; and

(4) H. Con. Res. 27, Honoring the National Institute of Standards and Technology and its employees for 100 years of service.

Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for consideration of H.R. 333, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001 (sub-

ject to a rule being granted). No votes are expected past 6:00 p.m.

Friday, no votes are expected.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 28, hearing to review federal farm commodity programs with the American Farm Bureau Federation, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 28, to hold an organizational meeting, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on the FDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 1, hearing on the President's Budget for fiscal year 2002, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 1, hearing on the Department of the Treasury Budget Priorities for fiscal year 2002, 3 p.m., 210 Cannon.

March 2, hearing on Current Fiscal Issues, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 1, hearing on State Leadership in Education Reform, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 28, to mark up the following: H.R. 90, Know Your Caller Act of 2001; H.R. 496, Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement Act of 2001; H.R. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation; H. Con. Res. 31, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting National Donor Day; a measure to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act; the Made in America Information Act; H.R. 724, authorizing appropriations to carry out part B of title I of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and H.R. 723, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on National Energy Policy, focusing on natural gas issues, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Privacy in the Commercial World, focusing on basic privacy questions, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Patients First: A 21st Century Promise to Ensure Quality and Affordable Health Coverage, focusing on improving patients' access to new technologies in the Medicare program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 28, hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, February 28, hearing on "Special Education-Is IDEA Working as Congress Intended?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 1, to continue hearings on "The Controversial Pardon of International Fugitive Marc Rich—Day Two," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on "The Status of Plan Columbia," 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on "The Defense Security Service: Mission Degradation?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, March 1, to consider Committee funding requests, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, February 28, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on International Broadcasting: Its Mission, Budget and Future, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, hearing on Conducting Diplomacy in a Global Age, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the Earthquake in India: the American Response, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 28, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on "The Presidential Pardon Power," 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, February 28, to consider H.R. 333, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, February 28, hearing on the Nation's Energy Future: Role of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 28, to hold an organizational meeting, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 28, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Improving Water Quality: State Perspectives on the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 28, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Reform, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 28, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the SSA's Proposal to Implement Return to Work Legislation, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

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Next Meeting of the Senate

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches, and the transaction of any morning business, *Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.*

At 8:40 p.m., Senate will proceed to the House of Representatives to receive the President's State of the Union Address.

Next Meeting of the House of Representatives

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